

must be approved by the other body. How can anyone look into the eyes of a child and say, "I don't care about your future, as long as I can keep things the way they are."

Mr. Speaker, I ask those opposed to a balanced budget amendment to remember who will pay the price if this budget is not balanced.

The time for rhetoric has passed. Now is a time for action.

SHORTCHANGING KIDS

(Mr. OBEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, speaking of children, in a press conference yesterday, Republicans asserted that their proposal to end the school lunch program by block-granting it would not shortchange kids, because Congress could always pass a supplemental if we ran into trouble. That is absolutely preposterous.

Anybody who has watched Congress the last 2 years knows that supplementals are virtually a thing of the past. Right now the Congress has bottled up at least two major supplementals, and you can expect to see more of that.

Make no mistake about it, under this plan States will be left holding a very empty lunch bag. This plan is vicious, this plan is mean. It ought to be stopped.

THE NEED FOR REGULATION REFORM

(Mr. GUTKNECHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, Federal regulations are strangling the life out of businesses in this country. This year alone, \$600 billion in taxpayer funds will be spent on regulations. This year alone, the Clinton administration is pursuing 4,300 new regulations. The American people do not want their tax dollars to pay for antiquated and often conflicting regulations for businesses. They want a smaller, more efficient Government, one which will work for them and not against them.

If businesses are to continue creating jobs, the current bureaucratic maze of redtape and regulation must be brought under control. Companies are being bled dry by overbearing regulations and they are forced to cut jobs in order to pay for them, and because many of the regulations clash with each other, they are faced with a dilemma. Do they break one law to follow another? This is an impossible choice that hard-working Americans should not have to make.

Mr. Speaker, we must bring reason into the regulation process. It is just plain common sense. We need regulation reform and we need it today.

FOREIGN AID: SUICIDE FOR AMERICA

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the No. 1 terrorist nation in the world is Iran, and Iran's No. 1 hated enemy is America, and Iran has been trying to build a nuclear weapon for years.

Now, America's newest friend is Russia, and America gives Russia \$12 billion. And that buys an awful lot of vodka for old Boris, you know. But evidently Russia is going to take some of that \$12 billion and build four nuclear reactors in Iran, but Russia says, "It's for peaceful purposes." Peaceful? Tell me, is a nuclear attack on Jerusalem a peaceful purpose?

Ladies and gentlemen of Congress, if Iran can kill 240 Marines with a car bomb, what will they do with a nuclear bomb?

Beam me up. I think if we are going to cut the budget, let us cut that \$12 billion. This is not foreign aid. This is foreign suicide for America and America's friends.

GETTING GOVERNMENT OFF THE BACK OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

(Mr. TATE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TATE. Mr. Speaker, did you know that a farmer cannot drain a pond on his property without first getting Government permission, even if he created it?

Did you know that if flooding creates pools of water on someone's property as the result of a clogged drainage system, the owner may not clear the clog to drain the new wetland without Government permission?

Welcome to Bill Clinton's America.

It is a place where redtape and red ink have Americans seeing red.

But we are changing that, Mr. Speaker. Today we complete consideration of the Regulatory Transition Act, which will impose a commonsense moratorium on Federal regulations. This bill will allow us time to enact reforms to put an end to the type of horror stories that we have been hearing today and which have become all too commonplace.

We are keeping our promise to get the Government off the back of the American people.

REAL DOUBTS ABOUT THE CONTRACT

(Mr. SCHUMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, we have all seen the pictures of the happy faces, kids getting their only good meal of the day. It might be in an inner city in

Harlem, it might be in rural Appalachia, it might be in the suburbs of a town that experiences high unemployment.

But those pictures will be no more.

Who would have ever believed that the Contract for America meant eliminating the School Lunch Program? The balanced budget amendment sounds good, but when Americans learn it means eliminating school lunches, making student loans very expensive, crippling Medicare, they are going to scratch their heads in wonder.

The priorities of the Gingrichite contract are out of whack. We cut school lunches, but increase spending for some new-fangled plane, the F-22, made in Georgia.

The American people are beginning to learn that this contract is not about cutting out waste. It is about cutting the very programs that made America move forward from the New Deal to this day, and when they learn about it, they are going to have real doubts about the Gingrichite contract.

PASS THE REGULATORY TRANSITION ACT

(Mr. BAKER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, get a load of this story in the L.A. Times of last year.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission is planning to issue regulations to require manufacturers of industrial five-gallon plastic buckets to redesign their products. Concerned that infants could climb inside them and drown, the CPSC studied the issue for five years and recently issued a 101-page report. In the report, the CPSC staff notes that one of their suggestions to the industry—making buckets so that they deliberately leak—is being objected to by bucket makers. According to the report, "Industry representatives claim that they can envision no use for a bucket that leaks."

I have heard of a cup that is half empty. I have heard of a cup that is half full. But only the Government would require a bucket that leaks.

It looks to me, Mr. Speaker, like buckets are not the only thing leaking over at the CPSC.

Welcome to Bill Clinton's America.

It is this type of story that has Americans so angry and demanding change. And that is what we will give them when we pass the Regulatory Transition Act, which will give the business community and individuals a much-needed break from costly regulation.

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

(Mr. OLVER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, Republican priorities are out of whack. The Republican Contract on America slashes